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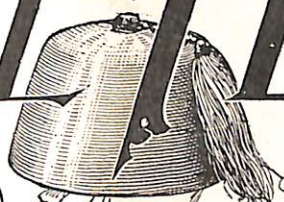

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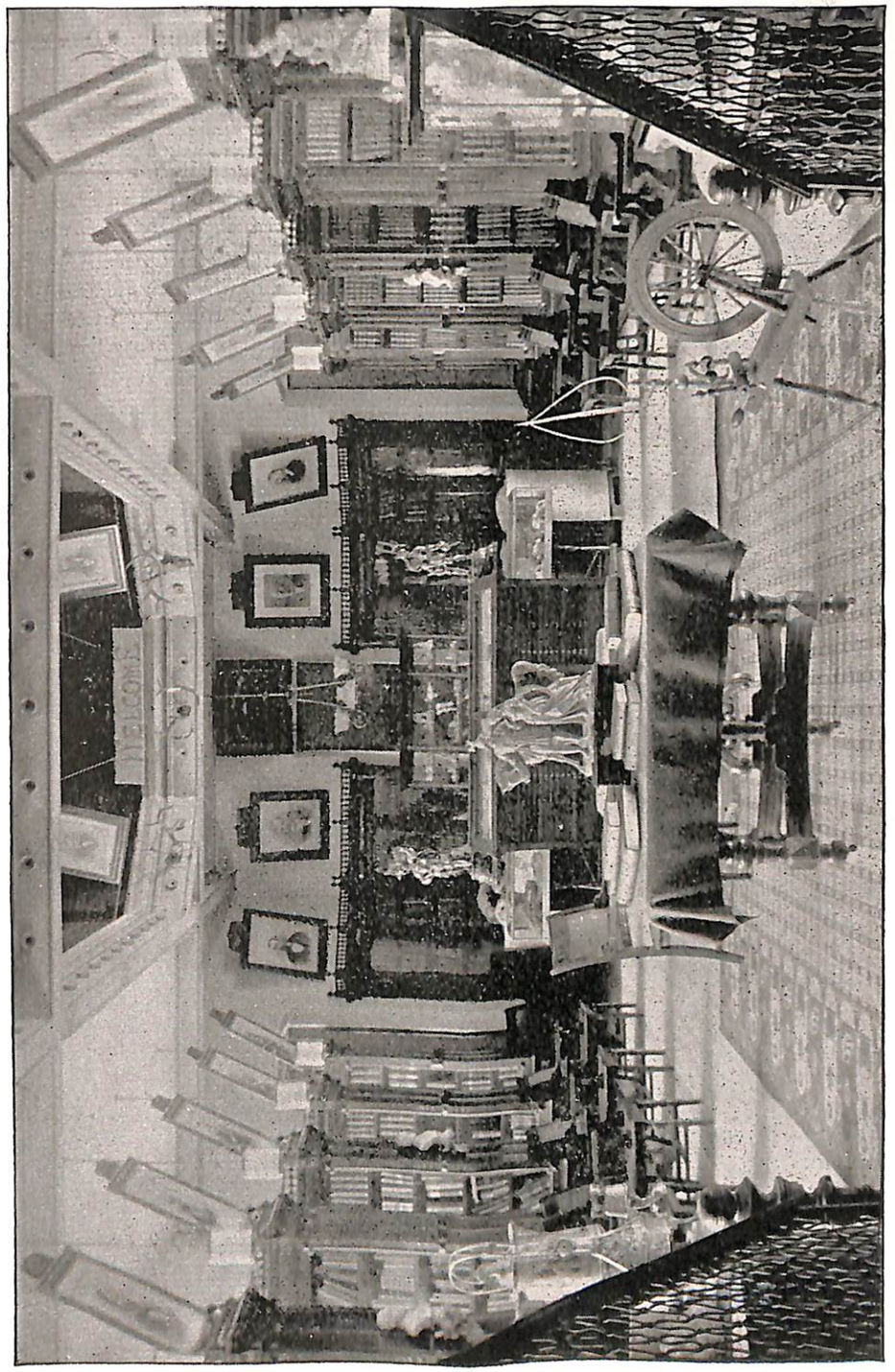

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WHAT A MASON SHOULD BE.

A Mason's exhortation should be that of Charles Kingsley:

"Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long,
And so make life, death, and that vast forever, one grand,
sweet song."

A Mason's prayer should be that of George Elliot: "Give me no light, great heaven, but such as turns to energy of human fellowship."

In the language of Pope, a Mason should be one who is:

"Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,
But looks through Nature up to Nature's God;
Pursues that chain which links the immense design,
Joins heaven and earth and mortal and divine,
Sees that no being any bliss can know,
But touches some above and some below,
Learns from this union of the rising whole,
The first, last purpose of the human soul,
And knows where faith, law, morals all began,
All end—in love to God and love to man."

GEN. GEORGE W. JONES.

How many Brethren who read the elaborate newspaper accounts of the life of General George W. Jones on the occasion of his death at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, July 22d, knew that he was at one time a member and an officer of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. In 1845 Brother George W. Jones was appointed by Grand Master Kavanaugh Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge. It is likely that he was then residing at Mineral Point, but probably soon after removed to Iowa and never again appeared in the Grand Lodge. It is given to few men to have such a remarkable and eventful career, and *The Tidings* selects for its readers a portion of the interesting sketch which appeared in the daily papers after his death:

George Wallace Jones was born at Vincennes, Ind., April 12, 1804. He was a drummer boy in the war of 1812, and won distinction in the Black Hawk war. He was the last delegate to Congress from the Territory of Michigan, the first delegate from Wisconsin and the first United States Senator from the state of Iowa, and he selected the names Wisconsin and Iowa. He had known every President since Monroe, was a business partner of Daniel Webster, was the colleague in Congress of Thomas H. Benton, Charles Sumner, Stephen A. Douglas, William H. Seward and James Buchanan; was the intimate friend of John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren, Henry Clay, John C. Fremont, Jefferson Davis and Franklin Pierce; was a minister to South America before the war, was a party to seven "affairs of honor," caught the dying victim of the Cilley-Graves duel in his arms, was the Chesterfield of Washington society nearly fifty years ago, was once the richest man in Iowa, but in his later years had little income except a pension of $20 a month, granted eighty years after his service as a drummer boy.

Gen. Jones was the son of John Rice Jones, mentioned in history as the friend of Benjamin Franklin. The father was for years chief justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri. The family lived at St. Genevieve, Mo., in 1814, and when Capt. Linn was commissioned to raise a company of soldiers young Jones was the drummer boy who marched about the streets in that service. He graduated from Transylvania University at Lexington, Ky., in 1825. Henry Clay was his college guardian. In 1823 he was sergeant of the body guard of Andrew Jackson on his way to Washington to take his seat as United States senator. When Lafayette revisited America the young student was selected by Congress as a member of a reception committee and escorted the French patriot through Kentucky.

After graduation young Jones lived three years at St. Genevieve, studied law and was clerk of the United States District Court of Missouri. His health gave out and his physician ordered him into the woods to recuperate. Accompanied by a dozen slaves and a number of hired men, he went to Sinsinawa Mound, then in Michigan Territory, but now in Wisconsin not far from Dubuque. He engaged in mining, smelting, farming and merchandising, living a simple, rough life, which restored his health, and he boasted freedom from sickness for nearly seventy years thereafter.

When the Black Hawk war broke out in 1832 he enlisted as aide-de-camp to Gen. Henry Dodge, father of his colleague as United States senator from Iowa. After the war the pioneers of Michigan Territory chose him colonel of militia without his knowledge, although a son of Alexander Hamilton was a candidate. Later he became a Major-General. While organizing a company of soldiers at what is now Mineral Point, Wis., he was chosen county judge, although he had not sought the place.

In 1835 he was elected delegate to Congress from the Territory of Michigan, which then embraced all the country from Lake Huron to the Pacific, the largest district ever represented by one man in Congress. One of his first acts was to introduce a bill for the formation of Wisconsin Territory, which comprised most of the country west of Lake Michigan. He took the name from the Ouisconsin River, so named by Marquette, and secured the passage of his bill before the bill admitting Michigan to statehood was passed. He was elected delegate from Wisconsin while still holding the position from Michigan. He introduced and secured the passage of the bill creating the Territory of Iowa.

President Van Buren appointed him surveyor-general of the Northwest Territory and he became a resident of Dubuque. President William Henry Harrison removed him, but he was reappointed by President Polk. He was chosen first United States Senator from Iowa in 1848, a position to which he was re-elected. In 1859 he was appointed minister to the country now known as Columbia. While there he wrote a letter to Jefferson Davis, who had been a lieutenant with him in the Black Hawk War. Jones did not know of the beginning of the war, and the terms of his letter to his old friend put him under suspicion when it fell into the hands of Secretary Seward. Gen. Jones was recalled and imprisoned in Fort Lafayette for sixty-four days. President Lincoln became convinced of his innocence and ordered his release. A year or two later Gen. Jones retired from public life.—*Masonic Tidings.*

A COURT DECISION.

The following important decision has been recently made by Judge Catlin, of the Supreme Court of California, as it relates to what is generally termed among Masons the "Cerneau Rite." A member of Sacramento Chapter, R. A. M., sued to restrain them from expelling him on account of his connection with this "rite." The judge says: "The ethics of Masonry must necessarily be founded in its usages, rules, laws, and in the decisions of its own peculiar tribunals and authorities, both ancient and modern, and then by those only who have the entree. Evolution may work changes in discipline and even in doctrine, and when such changes do not meet with the approval of a portion of its members, and resistance within the order is ineffectual, there remains the privilege of retirement with those to whom conformity is intollerable, or the alternative of expulsion to those who will not submit. The judicial authority may not be called on to interfere and adjudge what shall or shall not be a principle or a valid law of Masonry." The Court of Common Pleas of Ohio held in a similar case that a "lodge is a society not for profit, but for Masonic purposes, and that it has power to expel one or more of its members for un-Masonic conduct, and to determine wherein that consists, and that this court has no jurisdiction to restrain the lodge from proceeding to expel a member in its exercise of this power."—*The Kansas Freemason.*

A WORTHY DISTINCTION.

A BANQUET AT MASONIC TEMPLE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT IN HONOR OF T. R. ERCANBRACK, WITH TOASTS AND SPEECHES.

Last Saturday evening, July 25, after the conferring of the Red Cross degree on Mr. Charles Statler and Wm. McCord, of Mechanicsville, a banquet was given in honor of the newly elected Grand Eminent Commander of Iowa, Mr. T. R. Ercanbrack, who was chosen for that crowning honor at the 33d annual conclave of Knights Templar at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 14th. Past-Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery, C. H. Lull was toastmaster of the occasion, a duty he discharged in a happy manner. Past Commander L. Schoonover made a felicitous speech and extended a welcome to the visiting Knights from Monticello and elsewhere. Major S. S. Farwell, in behalf of the visitors, responded in a like spirit of fraternal greeting and extended congratulations to the chief guest of the evening in view of the honor of which he had been the worthy recipient at the hands of the Knight Templars of Iowa. Mr. Ercanbrack made feeling acknowledgment of his appreciation of the high trust conferred upon him and for the gracious tokens and expression of good will tendered by the friends present. The banquet, which was provided by the ladies of the People's church, was an elaborate affair, comprising all the substantials and delicacies that the best epicurean skill could devise. After the banquet the Black Cross was conferred on the two gentlemen from Mechanicsville. Much credit is due Eminent Commander A. C. Comstock, of Stone City, for the satisfactory manner in which he arranged and conducted this the grandest meeting in the history of Mt. Olivet Commandery.

Mr. Ercanbrack, we do not need to add, has been and is eminently worthy of the many and distinguished expressions of confidence and esteem on the part of his brethren in Anamosa and the State at large, and we are certain no one could be more deeply sensible of the high regard that has prompted these manifestations toward him.

The following named guests from Monticello were present at the banquet:

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Myrick, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Couglih, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. George, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Drury, Mr. T. A. King, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Soetje, Mr. M. Noyes and daughter, Mrs. M. W. Herrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall, Major S. S. Farwell, Miss Nellie Carpenter, Mrs. T. M. Hazlett.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

PROCEEDINGS and Revised Laws of the Grand Commandery of Missouri 1896, from Grand Recorder W. H. Mayo. A neat and tasty volume—portraits in half-tone—better than steel.

PROCEEDINGS of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation A. A. S. R. for 1896, by the hand of Illustrious B. W. Rowell, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Georgia for 1896, from M. E. Companion A. M. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1896, from Illustrious Theodore Parvin, LL. D., Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the twenty-second annual session of the Imperial Council for North America, N. M. S., by the hand of Illustrious Noble B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder.

CONSTITUTION and Law of the Imperial Council as above, Revised to July 1, 1896, by same hands as above.

EASY Excerpts and Efficacious Epigrams by Sterling Elliott of the L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads.—Boston, Mass.

SLIGHTLY OVERDRAWN?

NON-AFFILIATES IN IOWA.

In Iowa expelled, suspended and non-affiliated masons are placed on the same level; a brother, too poor in his own judgment to belong to a lodge, is placed by this law on a level with the one expelled for violating masonic obligations! "They shall not have masonic aid, nor be permitted to visit lodges"! Where, oh, where was Bro. Parvin with his views of "the inherent rights of lodges"? We have not agreed with him in his views, but this law almost converts us. That a non-affiliate shall *have no right* to those privileges is sound doctrine; but that a lodge or a mason shall not be allowed to grant masonic aid to one, is simply monstrous; a lodge may aid a profane, *but not a non-affiliate!* But the grim irony of the climax of this law, that they "are under those obligations which can never be repudiated nor laid aside" would be laughable, were it not so terrible. The Grand Lodge, the lodge and the mason, who is a member of a lodge, have no obligations towards the non-affiliate that may not be "repudiated nor laid aside"; it is the latter class only that are not the fortunate possessors of that power! We protest against this legislation, not only as an attempt to authorize individual masons to "repudiate and lay aside" their obligations but to *compel* them to do so. The tendency to make Masonry an article of merchandise to be sold to select paying customers, has given us great anxiety, but that such a masonic body as the Grand Lodge of Iowa should give in its adhesion to the doctrine makes us heart-sick.

And what's the good? The non-affiliate will still be there. If the promoters of this law had studied the statistics, they would have known that this forcing policy utterly fails to prevent, in the slightest degree, the evil of non-affiliation. It *may* prevent the annoyance of a few appeals for aid, but even that is doubtful. [*Drummond's Corr.*] —From *Masonic Token.*

LOOK OUT.

Brother R. M. J. Coleman, transient Charity Agent for the Masonic Lodges of Des Moines, warns the craft against HUGH SIEGEL, who represents himself as a brother and Sir Knight of Memphis, Tenn., bodies, which they emphatically deny. He's evidently a fraud. Look out!

IOWA MASONIC EXCHANGE.

We are frequently asked to find out whether some way cannot be devised by which an exchange of Annals and Proceedings of the various Grand bodies can be made. We will give this space for the purpose of calling attention to the matter.

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[See our Sale Notice elsewhere.]

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JNO. W. GEIGER.

Marion, Iowa.

MRS. T. S. PARVIN.

It is with great sadness that we have to chronicle the fact that this noble woman, the beloved wife of our venerable Grand Secretary, is slowly but surely sinking under the dread disease of cancer. Operations have been performed in vain and now the opinion of her physicians is that she could not undergo another. We know every reader of this journal will join us in wishing the afflicted family every blessing and comfort possible under the circumstances.

Dr. Oliver says that in the earlier times in England "private lodges did not possess the power of conferring either the second or third degree, which was a privilege reserved by the Grand Lodge for its own peculiar exercise; and these degrees were given as the reward of merritorious brethren who had rendered essential services to the craft, either by their learning, talent or activity; and this only with the unanimous consent of all the brethren assembled in communication." In 1739 this matter was the cause of considerable friction and doubtless began the discussion that finally put the working of the second and third degrees into the hands of the subordinate lodges.

The Iowa Masons Benevolent Society of Oskaloosa has again combined with another society. This time it is the equitable Mutual Life Association of Waterloo. By the new deal Brother Loring goes to Waterloo and again takes up the duty of Secretary. By this union they say "we obtain a common membership of about 10,000 and thereby secure the payment of all certificates in full. All members being received into full membership at once without any change in their certificates or policies."

The two last Grand Masters of California have each recommended the abolition of the affiliation fees in lodges.

EXCEPTIONS FILED.

In the *Commercial Appeal* of Memphis, Tenn., for Aug. 2, our editorial article in this magazine for May, on "A Living Issue" is quoted at length, with this item attached:

"We take exceptions to the committee part of the above. The ballot must be sacred, and its use must remain with a brother's conscience and his God. If he uses it improperly "woe is me" when the time comes to answer. "Be careful of your ballot."

Wheresoever bigotry is, there Masonry has an enemy. Wheresoever despotism is there Masonry has a foe. Wheresoever intolerance is, there Masonry has labor at its hands. Masonry is love; it reaches and practices equality; religion without sect, patriotism without partisanship, charity not limited to alms-giving. It pleads for liberty, and its creed is faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity towards all mankind. Its plea is for humanity; its working field the world.—*Masonic Review.*

"Yes," she said, "as long as life lasts I shall pray for blessings to fall on all lodges. Had it not been for the lodge people persuading my husband to join them, myself and little one to-day would be in want. When sickness came they watched with him, and when our little savings were gone they brought him his share of the sick benefit fund. When death came, his lodge brothers put the crepe on the door and said the last prayer over his grave. They gave me sympathy and offered me assistance until the benefit of $2,000 was paid by the Relief Association. Clothed in mourning, I can gather my little ones around me every night and thank God for the good that lodges do." Brother, have you made provision for your family in case of your early death?—*Companion.*

The Masonic Home in Philadeiphia received $6304 on the annual donation day.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Oskaloosa, June 1, 1897.

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We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Aug. 3, 1896.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I have, up to the present time, received about one dozen calls from different parts of the state, but not a sufficient number from any one section to lay out any routes for September or October. I have given Spirit Lake November 24, 25 and 26, and Estherville November 27 and 28. These two places are the only definite dates given up to the pesent writing. Most of the applications received wish dates to be given after the November election. I am ready however, to lay out routes even before that time, should sufficient calls be made within reasonable distance of each other, that would warrant the traveling expenses. Most probably in my next letter I may be enabled to give several routes.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN.
Visiting Custodian.

MASONRY STANDS WELL.

The Memphis *Commercial Appeal* presents some interesting quotations from the pen of Brother Lieut. C. M. Perkins, on the subject of "Masonry in the far east." "During a cruise extending over three and a half years" covering more than 40,000 miles, he says there was but one country visited where no trace of Masonry was found, that was the island of Borneo. In Shanghai, China, he found among many Masonic bodies Keystone Chapter R. A. M. under the Constitution of the United States and Ancient Landmark Lodge working under the Constitution of Massachusetts; its membership being composed entirely of Americans and doing better work than anywhere else in the East. Throughout the Orient, Americans stand well as Masons and everywhere are distinguished among the most earnest and eminent promoters of the craft. The best informed Mason in Hong Kong is Brother A. O. D. Gourdin, an American from Charleston, S. C., who has successively held the highest offices year after year, and is still Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He has had the highest degree conferred upon him in recognition of his services to the Order.

From Oskaloosa we hear of a party of fifty-four going out to Hedrick to assist the brethren there, on July 30, while a big party of K. P's. went to Fremont and helped in their work there on the same date. Refreshments at both places.

SIDE DEGREES.

It is a matter of considerable interest to us to hear as we go about among the lodges how they used to work "side degrees." Men now staid and conservative were in the habit of making a night of it at working such degrees as "The Secret Monitors," "Knights of Constantine," "The Faithful Shepherds," "The P. G." and "The Tall Cedars." It is likely to the credit of these later days that the matter has died out and that the greater interest now centers upon the legitimate work of Masonry. While there may be no harm done by the innocent diversion of a side degree; it is certainly better to do more true and square work in the regular line. The others have a better place with the Sovereign College of allied degrees, of which, by the way, we have heard nothing for a couple of years.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Marshalltown, Oct. 15, 1896.

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Iowa Grand Templar Park, July 12, 1897.
Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.

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TEMPLAR PARK.

Even at the possibility of being charged with offering belated material, we venture to give a few notes of the Side Program for the season at this delightful Templar home.

SUNDAY, JULY 12,

There was held a meeting for public worship conducted by the Grand Prelate. Nearly one hundred present. No collection, much to the regret of Sir Knight Youngerman and others.

MONDAY, JULY 13.

A reception (for ladies only) 3 to 5 p. m., given by Mrs. Lydia Atkins—shrub and cookies. The boys could not stand it longer than 5:01, when we all filed in and took what was left.

TUESDAY, JULY 14.

Grand Officers' Reception, a hand-shake and light refreshments on the green at 8 to 10 p. m. The fireworks were a popular feature this year, as usual, under the care of P. G. C. Soule and Sir Knight Porter.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

Afternoon—A game of ball. Grand Officers vs. The Ladies' Band. None killed; both catchers wounded. The band won by great odds and fine playing.

Evening—A general reception at the Orleans and informal entertainment at the Park.

THURSDAY, JULY 16.

The ladies' social at 8:30 was carried on in black and gold, to a crowded house. It was a minstrel troupe and it had the right of way for that night. The applause and laughter started the "Lydia."

SUNDAY, JULY 19.

Religious services at 3 p. m., at which a collection of $5.45 was taken to "enrich the services for next year."

OBSERVATIONS.

There is strong talk of a radical change in the running of the boarding hall next year.

A large number of rooms are already spoken for for next year.

If more Templars knew better the plan under which they may take their families to the Park, more would go. Let every Templar go "just once" and see for himself what it is like. He'll go again.

Fifty or more trees have been paid for and will be planted this fall or next spring.

Bring your bathing suit next year. There's a fair sized bath house on the ground.

IOWA TEMPLAR LADIES' CLUB.

For want of time and space, we made no mention of one of the new Societies brought out at the Park during Templar Festal Week. Its name heads this item. Its purposes are "to promote sociability among all the visitors to Templar Park, and to arrange plans for the annual entertainment given by the Templar ladies on "ladies' night" at Templar Park. The membership is to be composed of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Knight Templars of Iowa in good standing. The following are the officers:

President—Mrs. G. H. Jackson.
Secretary—Adeline R. Geiger.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. B. Atkins.

They scored their first success in an entertainment "in black"—a minstrel. The ladies of the club taking all the parts and rendering laughable and instructive imitations of their sable sister, Dinah Doe. We certainly consider the compliment of such a house as crowded the Asylum Hall, a full and complete approval of all our ladies did.

We do not know what we would do, were it not for the ingenious talent our sisters have shown. These ladies nights are the pleasanter because whatever fun or witty drive is made, is all in the family of friends who have been coming each year to realize that one of the events of Festal Week is Ladies' night. We say look out for next year. They're at it already.

THE SPIRIT OF CHIVALRY STILL LIVES.

The pomp and pageantry which marks the assembling, every third year, of Knights Templars in conclave, representing every state in the union, means something. It is the outward and visible sign of great principles—principles that are just as true and just as worthy to be held in honor as when the name of Richard the lion-hearted cheered the crusaders' host on its march to the holy city.

So long as man is actuated by high and noble purpose, so long, one may be sure, the spirit of knighthood and chivalry will never forsake our earth. As age succeeds age that spirit will surely find new opportunity for useful and beneficient expression. "God wills it," and there will not be lacking true knights obedient to the call of duty until time itself shall have an end. —*Boston Globe.*

The death of Sir Knight Frank Eggleston, of Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, was announced July 16, 1896. Buried with Templar honors July 19, 1896.

KNIGHTHOOD'S DUTY TO-DAY.

In both the impressive services on Sunday last, wherein assembled knights took part, occasion was aptly taken to emphasize the truth that now as truly as in the past, "noblesse oblige."

Speaking from the pulpit of famous Trinity, the grand prelate of the grand encampment of Knights Templars, Rev. Joseph M. McGrath, declared in a discourse imbued by the spirit of the "Sermon on the Mount:"

"The ancient knight buckled on his armor to rescue the empty sepulchre from Saracen desecration. He failed; the tomb is yet in Saracen possession. It makes no difference where it is.

The modern knight, in obedience to his Divine Master, puts up his sword in its place, and in the spirit of the lowly Nazarene, goes forth to the holy task of rescuing human life from desecration. It makes every difference to him where his brother's life is. He cannot fail. His cup offerings shall have their reward in his own well-watered soul. Our kings are kings for duty; our princes are princes for obligation."

At what is known as the Every-Day church, in presence of a goodly company of knightly pilgrims, Rev. Dr. Geo. L. Perin made a fervent appeal urging the duty of knighthood to-day. He asked:

"Is there any sir knight looking for a cause? Let him take up the standard of municipal reform and work for it, write for it, and fight for an honest ballot and clean cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Is there any sir knight looking for a cause? Then let him plant by his side the banner of commercial integrity, and fight in that cause until we have an honest credit all over the country, and are free from the commercial panics that we have to pass through every fifteen years or so.

The age of chivalry is not past nor never will be past as long as there are helpless maidens, destitute widows and helpless orphans to protect, and they are with us always."

For the Knights Templars of to-day, as well as for the Endeavors of our time, there is "work to be done," and to be done here and now.—*Boston Globe.*

THE COUNCILS.

We desire in this department to give such information as we may be able from time to time, of work in the "Cryptic Degrees." We have room here for the discussion of the present manner of working these degrees in connection with the Chapters, and whether or not we should affiliate with the General GrandCouncil.

SHALL THE COUNCIL DEGREES DIE OUT?

Ever since we first began to discuss the question of the Council as a separate organization in Iowa, we have watched with care for any evidence of argument against it. We notice that other grand jurisdictions hold both Grand Chapter and Grand Council at the same time and place. With the plan pursued by the Grand Commandery this year—both Grand bodies could have met and had ample time to transact their business. Since there is coming such a revival along the lines of passing the good things around, why not increase the chances of those who want or are wanted for office by separating the Councils from the Chapters and thus come into line with the other Great Jurisdictions of the country?

Just as long as the present method obtains, no Companion will care to exert himself much to uphold a system *not recognized beyond his state.* The General Grand Council U. S. A., will not likely extend any more courtesies to our Grand Representatives next year than they got down in Kansas. The plea that the cost of maintenance makes it difficult, carries no weight with it. When the Grand Council was dissolved in 1878, there was enough on hand to pay all debts, print the current proceedings and turn $174.50 over to the Grand Chapter Charity funds. We see no need for great expense; no need for surplus funds as the other bodies have them in abundance. Were this item being written about any other appendant body of Masonry, we could conceive of good reasons for objections to the revival of its work; but with the beautiful, the rare lessons of the secret vault, we certainly are not enthusiastic when we persist in urging that the next Grand Chapter of Iowa answer the question "Shall the Council Degrees die out?"

A Convention of Royal and Select Masters in Illinois, has been called to meet in Streator, for September 9, 1896. The work will be exemplified. This is a sort of mass convention that might be wisely held in other jurisdictions to profit.

A. A. S. R.

There are Consistorial bodies of this Rite at Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Des Moines and Davenport.

A special communication of Kilwinning Lodge of Perfection No. 2, of Cedar Rapids, was held Tuesday, August 4, under dispensation from the Sovereign Inspector General. Frank A. Simmons, Venerable Master, presided in the chair.

The following officers were elected:

Venerable Master—Jno. Westley Geiger.
Senior Warden—C. P. Emerson.
Junior Warden—C. G. Greene.
Orator—E. I. Foster.
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Expert—Lew W. Anderson.
Assistant Expert—R. W. Bushnell.
C. H.—C. R. Jordan.
Sentinel—Zelotes Farr.

A meeting for work will be called during September or early October.

The 33° Scottish Rite, was recently conferred on two Minneapolis Masons. It was the first time the degree was conferred in Minnesota.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich. June 8 and 9, 1897.
El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

TO THE NOBILITY.

For two years we have striven to keep up this department in the hope that it might grow to be of value enough to warrant the enlargement of the Magazine so as to give some twenty pages of general Shrine news and some articles from the able contributors among our Nobles. Some have taken our effort kindly, some indifferently, some with sarcasm. Now, we come to you wherever you may be and ask you to help us. 1 By subscribing for it. 2 By showing it to your friends.

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Yours Faithfully,
JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

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The notices for the Imperial Passport are on the wing. Es Salamu (how you) Aleikum?

The Recorders are all ready to forward the new certificate on receipt of fifty cents. "Sound money."

Through the hot weather the camels have been kept "on grass" preparatory to the long marches of the fall time.

Lu Lu Temple held her "last session for short ceremony" August 5, and a surprise promised for Sept. 19, 1896, by Lu-Lu Temple Band.

Recorders throughout the Imperial Realm are requested to put the Imperial Potentate's name on their mailing list for all notices sent out.

If Nobles who have had or now have copies of the Proceedings of the I. C. knew how rare some years are becoming they'd take some care of them.

We'll be under lasting obligations and two years subscription to any Noble who will send us 1882 of Imperial Council Proceeding. Now, Doc!

The Prince of Wales has been invited to place himself at the head of a movement to celebrate the centenary of a landmark in Masonic history which will occur in 1898.

ITS LAST ROUND.

We have heretofore called attention to the item from the address of R. E. Sir Frank W. Sumner, (1895) to the Grand Commandery of California, on the subject of the Shrine. It has now gone the rounds and the reports on correspondence contain about the last (we trust) that will be heard of it. Our own Rev. Sir J. C. W. Coxe, has brought the matter out in his report to the Grand Commandery of Iowa for 1896. Here is his quotation from California:

"It is to be regretted that the inventors of the Shrine should make a prerequisite for petitioners to have a membership in the order of the Temple, or in the thirty-second degree of Masonry, as it gives the impression to the outside world that the Shrine is the highest degree or order in Masonry, and this idea is carried out by Templars printing on their cards the Shrine as the ranking body. This is especially unfortunate, as the Shrine is far removed from any idea, principle, or teaching which we receive beneath the blue vault of the Symbolic Lodge, under the shadow of the Royal Arch, within the solemn portals of the Temple, or in the silent chambers of the Scottish Rite."

He recommended the prohibition of the use of asylums by the Shrine, and the committee on reports of Grand Officers say:

"Your committee heartily concur in the sentiments expressed by the Grand Commander in regard to the so-called Order of the Mystic Shrine, and recommend that so much of his address as refers thereto be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence."

This latter committee reported that it was "not the province of the Grand Commandery to take cognizance of other organizations than those under its direct jurisdiction or recognized by its laws and regulations, except where such organizations shall attempt or claim the right to interfere with the established authority of this Grand Commandery or impair its dignity."

Turning to New Hampshire we find their correspondent quoted from as follows, (upon the above item):

"We know nothing of this Order of the Mystic Shrine, of its principles, or organization; but if it is true, as stated by Grand Commander Sumner, of California, that its book of authority is the Koran, we cannot refrain from asking the question, how can a Knight Templar consistently allow himself to be identified with it, or how can the law of our order consistently permit its members to become members of such a body? We do not question that a Mohammedan can properly be admitted to the degrees of symbolic Masonry; but how an order founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues can permit its members to become identified with an organization whose fundamental law is the Koran, is what we are unable to understand."

Our Reverend frater adds: "Evidently Sir Knight Wait sees no joke in the fez and the crescent, and the hot sands of the desert have no attraction for him." If there were any foundation, in fact, for the supposition that the "Koran is its book of authority" we should join the most zealous in opposing its purposes. But, knowing that the Holy Bible is first and foremost on the altar of every temple of the Imperial Realm, we see no grounds for offense. Then, knowing as we do that the Order is American, truly and originally, owning and owing no allegiance to any foreign body and being constantly conformed to the characteristics of the bodies prerequisite for its membership, we consider the fears of those from whom such remarks came as entirely groundless and uncalled for. At this time there is not one temple of the Order in existence outside of North America, and only one outside of the United States (Toronto, Can.) The bloody Turk has no part nor lot with us, and is not likely to have. Every Noble of the Order is either a Knight Templar or a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, and we anticipate no disposition from such men to advance Mohammedanism, or any other sectarian dogma therein. We do hope that the good brethren who presume to expatiate upon the "Shrine" will at least seek that light which should guide them to make no assertion not well grounded in fact. And now may we hope that the matter has gone the rounds and will cease to be a cause of further comment.

THE GREAT FIELD DAY.

We had intended to take extensive notes and give a florid article on the above event; but, as the impressions made on Noble Sugru particularly, are so beautifully strung out in the following article we'll give that as a whole, and with a whoop!

TOTAL FIFTY-FIVE.

NUMBER OF SCORES MADE IN THE SHRINER GAME.

The Clemmons Rabbits do up the Sioux Slayers in game that abound in narrow escapes of "hits" where least expected—Grand times at the Lake.

Saturday evening, Sunday morning and this morning, the trains brought in about five hundred Shriners from Spirit Lake. Nearly all of them attended the conclave of the Knights Templar and the Shrine meeting and consequently had a variety of experiences while at the lake. They are unanimous in reporting the meetings of last week, the best that has ever been held. The management was excellent, the weather in general was superb and nothing was left undone to make the event pleasant to all concerned.

One of the amusing features of Saturday, "Field Day," was the game of ball between Clemmon's "Rabbits" and the "El Riads" of Sioux Falls. A league game was simply not in it for a minute. The "Rabbits" had the crowd with them from the start. The team was made up of the following nobles: Mark Jackson, Cedar Rapids, 3b; W. S. Porter, Eldora, r f; Harry Sugru, Cedar Rapids ss; W. B. Nauman, Charles City, l f; Geo. Comstock, Stone City, catcher; Edward Nichols, Eldora, c f; Wm. Dearborn, Stone City, 1b; Geo. Ludy, Cedar Rapids, and J. Lansing, Sioux Falls, 2b; Geo. Dearborn, Stone City, pitcher.

The opposing team was composed of the following members of El-Riad Temple, Sioux Falls: Roe, pitcher; Peck, catcher; Coddingham, ss; Holbrook, captain and

lb; Ellis, 2b; Marshall, 3b; P. Knowles, l f; E. Knowles, r f; Parker, c f.

The above list is correct except the battery, which was composed of a couple of very fine boys from Sioux Falls, wearing uniforms of the Y. M. C. A. But they were all right, and they certainly are entitled to a great deal of credit for their hard and conscientious work in the game. The rest of the team showed lack of practice early in the game, but played plucky, uphill ball and gave the "Rabbits" a scare in the fifth inning.

The Gazette, in order to have a complete report of the game, drafted Johnny Clemmons and Harry Sugru for the report. They have done excellently, as the following will attest. It will probably not be long until each has a position on some metropolitan paper as sporting editor:

At 3 o'clock the teams lined up after having their pictures taken. El-Kahir went to bat and the captain led off with a beautiful two-base hit to left and the Rabbits' stock began to go up. With the good example of the captain the Nobles seemed inspired and fell on the pitcher and when the simoon had passed four of El-Kahir's faithful sons had crossed the burning sands and reached the oasis of home plate.

For El-Riad the first Noble up put a pretty single to right and the next Noble went him one better by putting a pretty two-base hit over second, and El-Kahir Nobles fell on their faces and implored Allah to strengthen the good right arm of their pitcher, Noble Dearborn, and Allah was good, for Noble Dearborn then struck out two of El-Riad's sons and the next Noble went out.

Again Noble E. O. Soule, director of fireworks, appeared on the horizon and this time the famous "Lulu" was seen soaring majestically through the air and "Lulu" was certainly a mascot to El-Riad" and a hoodoo to El-Kahir for El-Kahir was unable to score in their half of the third and when they took the field it was "do or die" and they succeeded in giving El-Riad a dose of their own medicine.

The fourth inning was productive of but few scores.

The fifth inning will go down into history as one of the most heartrending and awful spectacles of modern times. El-Kahir Temple's captain went into pitch with the score 16 to 6 in favor of El-Kahir and when the smoke had cleared away the score stood 16 to 18 in favor of El-Riad and although their rooters were few there is little doubt but that the faithful who had remained at home in Sioux Falls were interrupted in their devotions by the tumult of El-Riad's rooters, but El-Kahir's captain was straining every muscle but to no purpose, the fearful slaughter went on and it seemed almost as though the sons of El-Riad knew no mercy, but Allah had not deserted El-Kahir and their faith was finally rewarded.

Slowly and with bowed heads and heavy hearts the sons of El-Kahir came in from the field. The captain of El-Kahir called his faithful to devotion and again the conquest went on but this time it was El-Kahir's turn and not to be outdone by their dusky brethren from El-Riad they began a slaughter which will never be equalled. But the victory must not be attributed to the Nobles of El-Kahir players alone; in fact if it had not been for the hearty and generous support of the young ladies of St. Mary's guild, history would tell a different tale. They were unceasing in their encouragements to the players of El-Kahir, who owe them a debt of gratitude which they will never be able to repay. And they are also indebted to Noble Cleveland and his strong lungs for his hearty support.

Nor was El-Riad entirely deserted. They certainly should be proud of the devotion to their cause of Miss Hattie Walts, of Sioux Falls, who was a host in herself.

At the end of the seventh inning the score was 25 to 25 and the excitement was simply appalling. Rooters for both sides were frantic, yelling like mad.

The eighth inning is about to begin. Noble Dearborn has gone into the box. Again the young ladies of St. Mary's guild are encouraging the nobles of El-Kahir and rooting as only people can when something near and dear to them is at stake. El-Riad scores three in their half and El-Kahir comes to bat to make one last effort to redeem themselves and make their friends happy. And they were not found wanting. They made four scores and the final score was 27 to 28 in favor of El-Kahir.

It would not be possible to mention all the brilliant plays made by both sides but the one handed catch by Noble Nichols of a fly ball in deep center field while on the full run; also of Noble Langing's catch of a line fly in left field.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

The nobles of the Mystic Shrine are indebted to Nobles Voorhes of El-Kahir and Wust of El-Riad who acted as scorers and Wm. Allington of El-Kahir, and Wuest of El-Riad who acted as umpires.

At the end of the fifth inning when El-Riad was pounding Jackson all over Dickinson county, one beloved and venerable friend, Noble Flanagan became very much excited and wanted to go in and pitch for Jackson, saying he could pitch at least as well as he was doing and that any old lady 60 years old and blind could do better pitching than Captain Jackson.

SHRINER NOTES.

Ed. Nichols, of Eldora, center field for the El-Kahir, was the favorite of the bleachers, he was first in the field, first at the bat and first in the hearts of his country women. St. Mary's guild made a desperate attempt to secure a lock of his raven tresses, but his Des Moines girl had them all spoken for, and they were fain to content themselves with an occasional glance of his heavenly eyes through his aristocratic nose-glasses.

Like the faithful boy who stood on the deck when the rest of the gang had fled, Miss Hattie Walts rooted for the South Dakota Bedouins like a thoroughbred and assisted with her energetic encouragement every tally that was made by her favorite club (especially Kid Roe) until the last man was out.

Harry Sugru made an excellent short stop and caught everything within reach excepting when his eye wandered toward first base, where the guild girls were congregated, and then his eyesight left him; he became dazzled as it were and his work was lumpy.

Noble Cleveland, of Waterloo, practically won the game for El-Kahir by his timely talks to the El-Riad players when they came to bat. In one inning his rooting was so effective that some of the El-Riad sympathizers carried out a deep laid plot to crush him. One of them got on his hands and knees behind Cleveland and another accidentally pushed against him from in front, and Byron turned a double back somersault, but came up smiling and went right on with his excellent work until he had won out his game.

Mrs. Taylor Carpenter, the chaperone of the guild, was an excited spectator of the game She had twelve distinct attacks of heart disease in the fifth inning, when El-Riad knocked Mark Jackson out of the box for a dozen scores.

The inter-shrine field sports at the Hotel Orleans took place on the tennis grounds east of the veranda. In the running high jump Tom Flournoy of Clinton, who was a guest of El-Kahir, made the best record, 5 feet 7 inches; Carl Leo second, 5 feet 5 inches. Leo since his training at the Columbia oval in New York is in splendid form and shows up like a gladiator. He gave exhibition 12-pound hammer throw and shot-put, and easily won the hitch and kick at 8 feet 11 inches. The running broad jump was won by G. L. Roe, of Sioux Falls,

who represented El-Riad Temple; distance 16 feet, which, considering the hardness of the ground, was an excellent record. He also won the standing hop, step and jump on rocky ground, distance 27 feet 10 inches, and the 75-yard dash, time 8 2-5 seconds. The sports were witnessed by several hundred of the Shriners, their ladies and the throng of hotel guests. The events were enlivened by beautiful Japanese day fireworks, under the able direction of Noble E. O. Soule.

Willie Price has been delighting the guests of Hotel Orleans with his sweet voice during the last week. Yesterday he received a very flattering offer from the manager of a strong concert company to sing with them during the coming season.

Noble Jim. Tyndall while fishing in Spirit Lake Friday morning lost his reel and his reputation. He is well known to be the most successful fisherman that visits the lakes, but in attempting to land a pickerel weighing 14 pounds and 7 ounces, he lost his balance and fell from the boat into the lake, the monster fish making good his escape with Jim's fishing tackle in tow. We do not know how the weight of the fish was determined.

The fireworks both by day and night were under the supervision of Noble E. O. Soule and were very attractive.

The Eldora Ladies' band furnished excellent music for field day.

The El-Riad delegates from Sioux Falls were so delighted with the treatment they received at the hands of Manager Clemmons and his Rabbits that instead of going to bed Saturday night they organized themselves into a serenading party and spent the whole night in discoursing sweet music in the corridors of the hotel. Towards morning they adjourned to the bowling alley and played ten-pins, having first wrapped the balls with flannel, so that the hotel guests might not be disturbed. They finished up the night's enjoyment by "shooting the chute" in a quiet, noiseless way, it now being Sunday. The serenaders were assisted by Mitch. Whitfield, first tenor, and James Rothrock, second bass.

The championship banner won by the El-Kahir ball team was brought to the depot with the other baggage last night but during the few minutes that it occupied the platform, while Manager Clemmons, the custodian of the banner, was bidding a tearful farewell to his host of fair admirers, some one basely purloined the trophy of victory. It probably got mixed up with the baggage for Sioux Falls, and if discovered will be returned to the anxious owners.

The general management of the field day was in the efficient hands of Noble J. W. Geiger. The athletic events were under the direction of Noble E. A. Leo, Geo. Jackson kindly acting as referee.

As a base ball manager Noble J. S. Clemmons made the hit of his life. Several clubs of the National league are already after him and it is understood that the Standary Oil Company are holding a meeting to-day to consider the advisability of raising his salary from $10,000 to $17,500 per year in order to retain his services as their representative.—*Cedar Rapids Gazette.*

We teach morality, we teach temperance, and charity is the foundation stone of all our work, yet too often we neglect and forget all this when leaving the lodge room. When it shall be known and acceded that for a man to be a Mason is equivalent to his being an honest, upright man and a true gentleman, then it will be that our beloved order will take her proper place in the world of thought and in the world of everyday life, and all the efforts of our enemies to injure our good name or blight our good influence will fall as dead and fruitless as a "connonade of rosebuds against the rock of Gibraltar." And to accomplish this should be the effort of every brother. By their fruits you shall know them, and by our works and by our conduct shall we be judged.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

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Edw. N. Pickering,	Boston, Mass.
Rollin E. Smith,	Spokane, Wash.
Guy H. Strong,	Duluth, Minn.
H. T. Lauderbach,	St. Charles, La.

ABOUT MISSING NOBLES.

Numerous responses have come to our inquiries about Missing Nobles, but letters still continue to be "returned to writer" for all whose names are "on the list this month." Some are and others "are not" in good standing. Recorders will do well to demand the passports of visitors.

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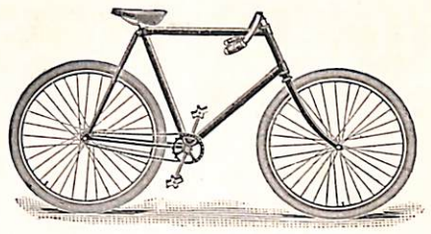

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2. Colorado—1890, '91, '92, '93, '94 [2]; '95.
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